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INFO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CGEN, UR

SUBJECT: EXPLOSION AT RIVERDALE COMPLEX

1. TWO CHILDREN WERE INJURED (ONE SERIOUSLY) IN AN EXPLOSION AT SOVIET RESIDENTIAL COMPLEX IN RIVERDALE, NEW YORK. THE CHILDREN CAUSED THE EXPLOSION WHILE PLAYING WITH CHEMICALS.

2. AT APPROXIMATELY 10:50 AM, APRIL 23, 1976, POLICE OFFICER ON DUTY AT SOVIET COMPLEX HEARD AN EXPLOSION. IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER, SOVIET OFFICIALS APPROACHED OFFICER AND REQUESTED HE SUMMON AN AMBULANCE. POLICE OFFICER NOTIFIED 50TH PRECINCT AND RADIO PATROL CAR RESPONDED. POLICE REMOVED TWO CHILDREN TO MONTEFIORE HOSPITAL, BRONX. ONE CHILD, TACHIR SABIROV, AGE 12, IS SERIOUSLY WOUNDED AND MAY LOSE FINGERS. HE ALSO HAS SERIOUS BURNS ON ARMS AND OTHER PARTS OF BODY. THE SECOND CHILD, IGOR VOLKOV, AGE 11, WHOSE CONDITION IS NOT CONSIDERED SERIOUS HAS SOME OF THE CHEMICAL IN HIS EYES BUT DOCTORS BELIEVE THEY CAN TREAT HIM SUCCESSFULLY. DOCTORS SPIERER AND ROSHI OF MONTEFIORE ARE THE ATTENDING PHYSICIANS.

3. POLICE ACCOUNT OF THE ACCIDENT INDICATES THAT A GROUP OF CHILDREN WERE ON 5TH FLOOR OF RESIDENCE DURING INTERMISSION FROM SCHOOL CLASSES AND EVIDENTLY TOOK TO PLAYING WITH

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CHEMICALS AND AN EXPLOSION OCCURRED. OTHER CHILDREN WERE

INVOLVED, BUT ONLY TWO SUFFERED INJURIES.

4. AMB SHERER SPOKE TO AMB MAKEYEV, IN ABSENCE OF FIRST  
DEPUTY PERMREP KHARLAMOV. AMB SHERER EXPRESSED SYMPATHIES  
AND VOLUNTEERED ANY HELP SOVIETS MIGHT NEED. MAKEYEV  
THANKED SHERER FOR OFFER AND STATED THAT HE BELIEVED  
EVERYTHING POSSIBLE WAS BEING DONE.  
SHERER

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